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FOR DETECTION AND IDENTIFICATION OF  
MICROORGANISMS

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

Applicants submit the following amendment and response to the Office Action, mailed January 5, 2005, the three-month shortened statutory period for response to which expired on April 5, 2005. A two-month extension of time (through June 5, 2005) is submitted herewith. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and further examination in view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.